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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
 Hiroyuki TAKAHASHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4838
 Application No.: 10/722,126 : Group Art Unit: 1797
 Filed: November 26, 2003 : Examiner: Dwayne K. Handy

For: REAGENT VESSEL CAP AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING REAGENT

STATUS INQUIRY

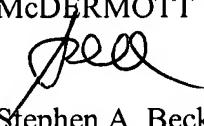
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on November 26, 2003. Since more than three and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before February 26, 2005 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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